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To my wonderful husband and children, who have been with me every step of the way, thank you for being so loving, understanding, patient and believing we would one day live something better, I love you so.

Preface

This book was birthed from a place of my wilderness, as a child the Lord placed in me, a hunger to know Him and a ear to hear Him, God always revealed Himself to me as a God of Love, joy , peace, all authority and restoration, As I grew older I found I was misunderstood and not recognized as a teen with a spiritual thirst. After years of seeking someone to understand what I heard from the Holy Spirit, and that what the Holy Spirit was telling me was not what manufactured religion was teaching me, But just finding rejection from those I thought should have understood, I became like Saul of Tarsus, I too began to persecute Christians, I used my mouth, my actions, and I stop being with those church people, I stopped going into a Church building altogether

The Grace and Mercy of God saved me in 1984, Now I expected everything in my life in be in order since I was saved (this is what I was told would happen), so I was very confused when my life seemed to go in a different direction. This led to years of trying to please God with fleshly man made rules and rituals, but no matter what I did to please Him, it was never enough to fill the void I still felt and bring my life out of the unstable place that it was in.

This led to my wilderness, I became addicted to drugs, a single mother with 6 children, I was lawless and served time in prison, I then became a recluse in my own home, yet I still heard the voice of the Lord, but He never explained to me what my crazy life was about and why it never changed. Once I got tried and stopped trying to appease God and get his approval, I spent the next few years still messed up, Then one day God used my son to speak a few words to me while getting high, which was the time the Lord had predestined for me to be free. The Holy Spirit started a work in my life, so after years of drugs and chaos, The Spirit of the Lord hovered over me and brought my life in order.

What followed was a beautiful clean up process of leaving religion, drugs an unstable inner life and getting to truly know Jesus, and thus this book, I now know I had to live my ministry so I write to all the mothers who are on drugs now and in a wilderness of their own, just know Jesus longs to draw you to Himself and take your old life, give you a new life that's in Him and to let you know relationship with Him is what He wants.

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I am grateful to my mother for the encouragement of telling the truth, in my life and what God has told me, thank you for the spiritual gifts you have passed to me, and I want to thank my other family members for raising me to know Jesus , thank you.

Thank you Lord for not allowing everything that has happened in my life to be for naught. Only You could give me the ability to pen this book, that's how much You are steadying me as I walk along. Thank you Father. I love you.

Psalms 45:1.

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Chapter 1

Timothy 6:1

All slaves (servants) should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring, shame on the name of God and his teaching.

Are you bringing shame to the name of Jesus and His teaching?

What did you just say to me!?, I asked my teenage son, as I stood in the doorway of his bedroom waiting for the onslaught of information he had been suppressing but finally needed me to know, I heard him loud and clear the first time, although I really didn't want him to say it again, I needed him to because as he spoke, I thought I heard the Holy Spirit say something as well. As my son repeated himself, this time with more force he said, **"YOU ARE ALWAYS RUNNING AROUND HERE, TALKING ABOUT JESUS THIS AND JESUS THAT, BUT YOU'RE STILL SMOKING UP PERU"** (smoking up Peru is a slang term for a person who is smoking crack cocaine every chance they get) A.K.A.(crack head).

Sure enough, as my son spoke again I heard the Holy Spirit again too, with the same force and sternness my son used, The Holy Spirit said **"IF THIS BOY DOESN'T, WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME BECAUSE OF YOU"** The Holy Spirit didn't need to finish that statement, I knew exactly what He was talking about.

In that moment, I knew I could no longer blame my childhood molestation, my absent father, the lack of parental protection I told myself I never received. I could not say, well if this or that had not happened, I might have made better choices. Yes, things had happened to me that were traumatic, not fair, not just and unfortunate, yes I had been the victim of others living their lives self-centered and not being concerned about how their behavior affected me,

Yes, I had been a victim, but now I was the victimizer and my victims where the children God had given me.

When the Holy Spirit held me accountable for my behavior and what it was doing to my children. He took away all my excuses for not obeying Jesus, because no matter what had been done to me that was out of my control, God had drawn me to Himself and saved me, so healing was available, deliverance was available, the Kingdom of God living was available, everything I needed to live truly as a child of God, Jesus had already made available to me. Jesus had given me a new life, a life that was hid in Him.

However, it was only obtainable through Jesus, all that was required for this new life to be evident in my life was to obey Jesus. Obey the Jesus I always talked about to my children. God allowed those harsh words my son spoke to me that day, to penetrate the self deception of thinking I knew what was required to be a good Christian, the deceit I had been living in for so many years.

It was only by the grace of God and Him revealing my true condition to me was I able to see the old sinful heart I had, I was blinded by religion and just doing all the stuff I thought would make me right with God. The Holy Spirit had to reveal it is all about Jesus and what He has already done on the cross,

I finally saw my self-serving, self-centered Christianity that I had subjected and exposed my children to, As I saw my old heart, God allowed me to hear my sons heart and it said **"MAMA, DON'T YOU LOVE ME ENOUGH TO OBEY this Jesus, YOU TALK ABOUT?."**

As the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to what my children were enduring because of my choices, I saw the long term spiritual consequence of my behavior and the message it was sending to them.

Ephesians 5:15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

Although I had 6 children, I was living my life for me and what I wanted, I was living as a fool, and not once, considering the circumstances my lifestyle was having on my children, as the Holy Spirit unfolded this information to me, I knew my children's relationship with Jesus was a stake. My children expected to see Jesus in my behavior, and rightfully so, I did call myself a Christian.

I was living as a hypocrite and teaching my children to become hypocrites as well. I would talk a good Christian talk but to obey what Jesus says I was not doing that, yet I called Him Lord.

Psalms 27:10. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

A meaning for forsake is to abandon, I was living in the same home as my children but I had still forsaken (abandoned) them, I was teaching them to live as I was, self-centered and self-serving.

They were learning, you can talk about Jesus and how good He is, you can read your Bible, go to church, but to obey what Jesus said you don't really have to do that, they saw nothing of Jesus in me, this Jesus I was always talking about.

The Holy Spirit in His love for my children and myself, stopped me dead in my tracks, He let me know my grace period for the way I was living and training my children was over. Thank You Lord God.

One of the most loving, most beautiful, yet painful experiences a person can have is when The Holy Spirit strips off the masks and blows away the illusions we hide behind. He then brings us face to face with ourselves, for the first time, we see who we really are, not the woman or mother we like to think of ourselves as, surly not the representative we present to people when we first meet them, the Holy Spirit shows you, yourself without all the masks He shows you, your old heart.

The Holy Spirit let me know that my old heart and my old spirit (the old nature), couldn't be fixed, it had to be done away with. **Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.**

We need a new heart, a new spirit and only God can give us that. God has to replace your old heart and your old spirit. I had been given a new heart and a new spirit the moment Jesus saved me.

But I was still in love with my old nature, my old heart, my old spirit, my old nasty way of doing things, and the old way of living for me, myself and I, I was taking the good news, the gospel, the grace of God, The Kingdom of God living that Jesus died for, and turned it into my own self-serving religion, I was my own god, picking and choosing what I wanted to obey from Jesus.

2 Peter 3:3 Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. I was making a mockery of everything Jesus had died for, chasing my own desires, while teaching my children to do the same.

After I saw myself and the damage it was doing to my children and those around me, all I could do was fall on my face before Jesus in repentance, for the first time in my life, I was broken and I finally understood, **Isaiah 6:5. Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man (woman). I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies.**

I let Jesus know that I was helpless, I could do nothing without Him, I let Him know that any changes that needed to be made in my life, He would have to make them and I would just OBEY Him and do whatever He told me. When I stopped trying to be god in my life and the life of others, When I told Jesus I didn't know anything about being His child, He would have to teach me, that was when the Holy Spirit stepped in and started the transformation.

I am eternally grateful to God for using my sons mouth to open my eyes to the lies and deception I was living. My son was the lure God used to caught me and have me come to myself. Thank You Daniel for being that voice in my life, crying out in the wilderness saying, Please Repent mama and live what you talk about.

Chapter 2.

Isaiah 43:1

Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

You are chosen.

There is not anything we have done that God does not know about, there is not a person we have hurt, that God does not care about, there is nothing God can't handle, there is not a person God can't change. Jesus is who saves, who restores, who delivers, who makes the crooked straight, the same Jesus who is working in our lives, is the same Jesus who is reaching out to you today, you are chosen.

Jesus wants to turn you from serving yourself and being your own god to knowing Him, to allowing Him to be Lord over your life, Jesus wants you to enter into a new life, and that life can only be found in Him.
John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

We do have a responsibility to those God has placed in our lives, we do have a responsibility to our families, we do have a responsibility to the people God allows us to encounter. We must learn to love and obey Jesus. We are the ones God has chosen to build up the body of believers and reach the lost.

We are living in chaotic times, when we study the word of God, we see when there is chaos the spirit of the Lord is hovering above the chaos, He then brings order, God is bringing order now and we are a part of those God has chosen to bring order to people's life. So we must get ready by first, bringing order to our own lives by obeying Jesus and then for those that don't know Jesus, who will look to us (Christians), for answers, are you ready?,

1 Peter 3:15. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord, Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who ask you to give the reason for the hope that you have, But do this with gentleness and respect.

Are you able to give a reason for your hope?, you are chosen for that.

When we read the word of God we must always remember Jesus is the word and we are to obey Him. Jesus told us how to live, how to treat others, how to pray, how to worship, how to love, He also left, glory to come here and show us how it's done.

How many of us, those who use and carry His name, read His instructions on how we are too live, see we are not obeying Him, then turn around, and walk away, **James 1:23-24. 23). For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24). You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.**

I am presenting a question to you, if you have tried to live your life without truly knowing Jesus and obeying Him?, why don't you surrender yourself totally to Him today, if you are 20 years, old give Jesus 20 months, if you are 40 years old, give Jesus 40 months, no matter your age, give God who has given you years, the same amount of time in months, you will never be the same and the love and goodness of God will draw you to Him for the rest of your life on this earth, then into eternity.

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

God draws us.

God first draws us to Himself and saves us, **John 6:44. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.** Is there a pulling on you to read more? Have you spent years reading the word of God like it's just a good novel, with no intentions of obeying it?, still doing everything your way, regardless to what the creator of all things says? **Colossians 1:16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see--such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.**

If you were created through Him and for Him, are you living that way? Is Jesus truly the head of your life?. If you can't say yes to these questions, its alright and it's no shock to God, He already knows, that's why He is drawing you to Himself now, God loves you, Jesus the son of God died for you to have a relationship with Him, He wants and longs for you to come to Him,

Isaiah 30:18. So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.

Let's see what we must do to answer the call of God drawing us. To be assured of our salvation we will see what the word of God tells us is the way to salvation. **Romans 10:9. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

The word of God says we are to make a confession, **Romans 10:10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.** So we will confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, we believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead,

lets make that confession now.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You Lord praising and thanking you for drawing me to you, I thank you for the privilege of being able to confess Jesus is Lord, I believe in my heart that, you Father raised Jesus from the dead,

Father your word says that by believing I am made right with you, and by confessing Jesus is Lord, with my mouth, I am saved. So right now Father, I make the confession that, Jesus is Lord and I believe you Father God raised Jesus from the dead, I thank you that according to your word, I am saved, thank you Lord Jesus for saving me.

Welcome to the family of God.

If you have made this confession of Jesus is Lord, I the writer of this letter say to you, welcome into the Kingdom of God family. Now your life really begins, lets ask God to teach us, the new life in Christ.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Now Father teach me to listen to your voice and none other, teach me how to be led by the Holy Spirit, have your way in my life, teach me how to obey you, and teach me who I am in you, and Lord, be Lord over every single thing about me, teach me how to lay down self, so you can dwell in me.

Give me a heart for the lost father, whatever you have created me to do Lord, always keep me mindful of that and steer me in that direction, I ask you Lord God to keep me with a heart of repentance, close doors you don't want me to go through, and open doors no man can open in my life, let my life bring, glory and honor to you and you only. Thank you lord I believe I have received what I have asked of you. In the precious name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Not religion, but relationship with Jesus.

We need to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. When the Holy Spirit draws us and we confess Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, the joy of being saved, (but not really understanding we are born again, as new spiritual babies) might cause us to go to Church and learn how Christians are suppose to act, suppose to dress, suppose to talk, suppose to treat each other, we will watch other Christians and see how they act, dress, talk and treat others, but not realizing we are a new creation and the Holy Spirit has to teach us everything, we will start trying to act like the other Christians we see, then we might want to pay God back for saving us and we can fall into fleshly duties, to show our appreciation to God, while not realizing it is not works of the flesh God wants from us.

When we are born again, we are born again as a new creations, we don't know how to live this new spiritual life, we don't know how to act in this new spiritual life, we are new spiritual babies, the Holy Spirit becomes our spiritual parent. We know how to live the old way, we know the old sin nature, and how to do things the way the world does them, we are experts at living the old way, sin, selfishness, strife, envy, jealousy etc., but the new spiritual life in Christ we know nothing about, so the Holy Spirit has to teach us what we don't know and introduce us to Jesus.

Please new child of God, don't think you know how to live the new life in Christ without having a relationship with Christ, without the Holy Spirit teaching you what the new life means, and He will, don't put on a mask, and just learn how to act like a Christian, the transformation that comes in our lives is only done by the Spirit of God, ask The Holy Spirit to lead you, I was taught by the Holy Spirit Himself in my wilderness, let Him teach you.

Chapter 3.

Exodus 12:24

Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

For those who have been Christians for years.

I had broken the law and had to pay the consequence, so I was in jail, as I looked around my new temporary housing, I said, look God, they don't even have real mattresses, and this bunk thing is made of steel, how can I sleep on that. God said to me, "I'm not concerned with your comfort, I'm concerned with your salvation". What I am to pen is not a feel good message, although you may not like what I write, let me say, "I'm not concerned with your comfort, I'm concerned with your salvation".

Stop blaming anyone other than yourself for your disobedience, you are accountable to God.

As a child and, before this current technology, an avenue used by my family, for family time was determined by weekly television shows. We looked forward to the day our favorite comedy program was on. We would sit in front of the television faithfully, we would laugh, watch, then laugh some more. One program we particularly enjoyed was the Flip Wilson show.

Flip Wilson played various characters in different skits, one character he portrayed was a woman named Geraldine. Geraldine was forever doing whatever she wanted and it always involved her getting her way, every time Geraldine did something wrong and was asked about it, her reply was "The devil made me do it." This statement became so popular T-shirts were manufactured with this famous quote "The devil made me do it." Although it was funny at the time, Geraldine is not the only one who uses this defense for their behavior.

See what you made me do?.

We live in a society where our personal behavior is explained away, we like to blame everything and everybody for the mess we have made in our lives and the hurt we have caused others. We will defend our behavior knowing it is contrary to the word of God, we even have legal defenses for people who commit crimes to explain why they did what they did.

If you were to ask the defense attorney of a person who has committed a hideous crime, why?, their answer would probably involve their clients upbringing, or focus on some other traumatic episode that happened in their clients life. But Just living in this world with all the ups and downs, all the injustice, all the hurt is traumatic and we are affected by what we have lived and been exposed to.

Although life can be devastating and unjust, this is not an excuse for what we do to others in return, our parents are not always the best parents (nor are we), we have had people do things to us that was wrong, unjust and hurt, but we have done the same to others.

We spend billions of dollars on antidepressants trying to cope with how we feel, deal with life and what has been done to us. There is not one person with any age on them, who has not felt the injustice of this world, There is no amount of human government intervention programs, medication, street drugs, synthetic drugs or money, that can fix our condition. We can only find the answers in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

We are responsible for our behavior, be it good or bad, we are accountable to God, He has provided healing for our past, our present and our future, when God sent His only son Jesus Christ, Jesus took on Himself much more than we think about, if He took the sin of all mankind to the cross, then the inner healing from those sins is available as well. The sins we committed and the sins others committed against us.

When a seed of rejection is sown in our life and anger and injustice reign, the feelings and thoughts as a result of the pain, cause us to say "I will just do it my way," when God has told us to take the rejection, the anger, and the injustice to Jesus to find solace, healing, restoration, peace and joy in the heart of God through the Holy Spirit.

We see in the word of God, He wants all people to come to Him. **Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.** This call is for all people. Jesus is saying I will take your heavy burdens and you can rest.

Now if Jesus is saying He is the burden lifter, the lost in this world should be asking us (Christians). How are you able to deal with every burden and situation you encounter?, why are they not running to us asking about this Jesus we talk about, sing about and say we serve?. Why are they not asking us "what must I do to be saved" ?, why are they not asking us about having their burdens lifted?,

Could it be that those of us who call ourselves Christians are just as weary and **burdened** down as they are?, **Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28** says come all (everybody).

But **Matthew 11:29, Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** Is Jesus talking to, two different groups of people here, He is saying there is rest available for your soul, there is relationship available between Me and you.

Jesus said He is humble and gentle, is this only for Peters who want to go deep in the things of God and learn from Him (not learn from man), no its not just for Peters, its for anyone who wants a personal relationship with Jesus, for those who want to become disciples, those who want the heart of God, because there is no way you can have a relationship with Jesus without Him giving you the heart of God, **Matthew 11:29 is for those who want to become fishers of men.**

We as Christians will quickly say Jesus is Lord, but is He really?. Why are we not pursuing everything He died to give us?, well we are accountable to God for what is in the word of God that we don't obey and that we don't go after. Men and women of God, what in the world will you say when you stand before Him. We will not be able to say well it was not my fault. Non can we blame the devil.

Your salvation is not just for you, **John 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."**

We should be like a lighthouse to this world, with the light of Christ indwelling us so much so, that people are drawn to Jesus and the light of life. Don't you realize when you don't obey what Jesus told us and die to our flesh, yet still call ourselves Christians we turn people away from the Savior Jesus who died for all mankind.

So you call yourself, My child?.

1 Peter 4:17. For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News?

Nobody likes to be told they are not the great Christian they think they are, but The Holy Spirit in His love for us, will tell you the truth about yourself. The Holy Spirit would not allow me to blame anyone or any situation for my disobedience and my behavior, nor will He allow you to continue to use the name of Jesus without living like Jesus said we are to live, We can't continue to just say we are Christians and not obey Jesus, God will not allow His name to be reproach by us any longer, **WE ARE BEING WARNED!**

Ezekiel 20:44. You will know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake and not according to your evil ways and your corrupt practices, O house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD."

This scripture says to me, I'm not dealing with you about your about evil ways and your corrupt practices, but you will not continue to to drag My name in the mud because of your disobedience, that's my name you're using.

Isaiah 29:13. And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

Rote meaning: A memorizing process using routine or repetition often without full attention or comprehension.

Just doing what you are told Sunday after Sunday, Praise him, worship him, clap your hands, stand up, sit down, turn to your neighbor, say this, say that, like a trained seal. When you are trained to worship, that doesn't develop true worshipers. Man's routine does not allow the Holy Spirit to develop true praise and true worship of God in you,

When the work of the Holy Spirit is in operation, you can be sitting in a service, sitting in your car, in bed, watching television etc..., and the Holy spirit will remind you of a time you were in trouble and say I was the one who protected you from that, and as you remember that time, He will tell you, see I have been with you all along loving you and protecting you, when you didn't even love yourself.

The Holy Spirit will tell you what was going on with you before you were saved, and as you remember the hell you were experiencing in your life or mind, the Holy Spirit will say, I came and got you, you see the word of God does not return to Him void, so when He said He had chosen you and drawn you to Himself, I had to save you, I can't go back to God void of you. God loves you, He was going to save you, before you were even thinking about Him.

As you listen to the Holy Spirit and think about the Love God had for you, that when you were living your life and not thinking about Him, He knew He was going to save you, when the Holy Spirit trains you don't need anybody to pump you up to praise Him, and you don't have to wait until worship service to express your gratitude to your loving savior, it becomes a lifestyle.

Thus saith the Lord God almighty.

It's done by my Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6

Then He said to me, "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel (you), it is not by force, nor by power. But by my Spirit says the Lord.

This is what the Lord God almighty is saying, "What is this worldly disco club building you call churches, where you put on productions and shows with all that noise"?, "you have times set for Me to show up for maybe an hour of two", "what is this party spirit you engage in"?, why do you have to be so entertained in your church buildings?, "don't you know I am not pleased.

Look around you, outside your churches", "children are being assassinated all over the world, people are in a level of darkness as the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, like you have never seen before, you are shocked when you read your newspapers, and watch your newscasters, while I have already told you these times were coming, read My word, yet you continue to dance as if all is well. All is not well, I am not only concerned about you and your life, but those who the god of this age has blinded the eyes of.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Where are the skilled wailing women?. For Thus said the Lord God almighty.

Jeremiah 9:17. This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Consider now! Call for the wailing women to come; send for the most skillful of them.

The Lord God almighty is saying," In your man made churches and doctrine of men teaching, there are no skilled wailing women, who lay before me and mourn, wail, scream, cry for the children, cry for the people, cry for the injustice of this world, wail for those blinded, because You are blinded as well."

"The only time, you cry to me is because you want out of the discomfort of your daily life, or you want me to do something for you, fix me, help me, give me, me, me, me, when you truly know Me, you know I have done everything for you already."

"Thus saith the Lord God almighty."

My Church.

"My Church is a living, unified, Holy spirit filled body of believers, in love with Jesus Christ, obedient to the Lordship of My Holy Spirit, dead and daily dying to self, so Christ can be formed in them, learning to grow from children of God into the bride of Christ, My children have my nature and character developed and being developed in them, My children's whole purpose for living is to please Me with their lives, in them, I find My reward for creating man."

"They are My worshipers, They are on earth only to please Me, and when I am pleased they are pleased. If I give them nothing they are pleased, If I take everything away they are pleased, if I say walk away for your life and follow Me, so I can make them fishers of men, they are pleased and they obey me, it cost them everything, they understand they carry my name and represent Me to this world, they are careful and concerned about how the world views Me, so who are you that bear my name, you have no right to bear, Thus said the Lord God Almighty."

John 10:27. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Chapter 4.



Isaiah 48:9

For my name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to destroy you completely.

For my name sake.

We can't keep thinking because we go to church we are OK, (we are not), we can't keep thinking the traditions of man is the way to be pleasing to God (it is not). Our relationship with Jesus can't be reduced to a legalistic list of rules and rituals, God loves us so much and has so much more for us than tradition can offer.

He wants us to know everything is found in Him. Our life is found in Him, Righteousness is found in Him, our joy is found in Him, Our peace is found in Him, Our whole being is found in Him. Tradition does not have equal authority as the Word of Jesus, It is time for us to seek a relationship with Jesus like we never have before.

We have to go back to the word of God (Jesus), and see what He said. We can sit in church for years and still not have understanding, we must ask the Holy Spirit to open our understand so we might understand the scriptures, Let's look in **Luke 24:13-45, to see if the statement (about our understanding being opened), is in the word of God.**

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES:

What we see in Luke 24, after Jesus was resurrected (God raised Jesus). Two men were on their way to a city called Emmaus, the men were talking to each other about what had happened to Jesus, how He had been crucified by the chief priest and their rulers, Jesus starting, walking with them, one of the men was named Cleopas. The other man with Cleopas is not named.

Luke 24:13. Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

15. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

16. But they were kept from recognizing him.

Right here we see you can be kept from recognizing Jesus in your life, but we don't have to stay in that condition, lets go on.

Jesus asked them.

Luke 24:17. Jesus asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces.

Cleopas asked Jesus, are you just a visitor here?, don't you know what has happened to Jesus, Cleopas was talking to Jesus the whole time, **(but Luke 24:16 but they were kept from recognizing him).**

Luke 24:17-24. the men continued to talk to Jesus about everything that had happened, and who they thought Jesus was, I have skipped some verses because on the point I'm making, but I do suggest you read the whole chapter of Luke 24, to have an understanding for yourselves.

Luke 24:25. He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

25. Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

26. And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Now Jesus starts explaining to them the Scriptures and what they said about Him, these two men knew what they had been taught about Jesus, they were disciples, but Jesus had to explain to them, what they thought they knew. Let's go on.

Jesus, Cleopas and the other unnamed man continued walking, as they got, close to the village where they were going, they asked Jesus to stay with them, it was getting late, So Jesus went to stayed with them.

Luke 24:28. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.

29. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

Jesus acted as if he were going farther. I just love this part of Luke 24:28. Jesus acted like He was going on.

Think about this, you are an expert in how to built a house, but you have a friend who is building a house for the first time, all he's, knows is what he has been taught and read, although he thinks he knows what he is doing, he has never done it before, (you being the expert want to give him instructions and help, but he thinks he knows it all already, but out of Love for your friend, you say OK I'm gone and act like you are leaving, knowing he needs you help, your friend says OK, stay with me. Can you see the love, grace and mercy of Jesus in acting as if He was going farther but still staying, Cleopas and the man with him, needed to know who Jesus was and recognize Him. Can you recognize Jesus yet?.

Luke 24:29. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

45:30. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

31. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

32. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Jesus once again gave first, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, Then they recognized Him.

Cleopas and the man he was talking with, run to tell the other 11 disciples Jesus has really risen.

Now that Cleopas and his friend recognize Jesus, they go to tell the 11 disciples that Jesus has really risen, then Jesus showed up where the 11 disciples were.

Luke 24:36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

37. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

38. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?

39. Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

So they still had doubts, do you truly believe God does not know you have doubts.

40. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

41. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

42. They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43). And he took it and ate it in their presence.

Even after Jesus showed them his hands and feet, they still did not believe, because of joy and being amazed, has Jesus ever revealed Himself to you by something great He has done in your life (without your help) but you are so amazed and filled with joy, but you still can't believe God did it.

Is it just hard to believe and understand God is supernatural and does not need our natural abilities to do anything, in and for us, do you believe you can be a Christian without Jesus revealing Himself to you, (you can't), stop trying to follow all your rituals and tradition, it is not changing anything inside you.

45. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

46. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

47. And repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. You are witnesses of these things.

49. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”.

These were the 11 disciples that walked with Jesus, talked with Jesus, ate with Jesus, saw Jesus do miracles, did miracles themselves, they had spent the last three years of their lives with Jesus and still didn't understand everything Jesus had been talking about.

Jesus had to open their understanding so they might understand, let me ask you this, if the 11 disciples had to have their understanding open, what makes you think you are any different. We can sit in a church building for years and think we know something, but, until the Holy Spirit opens our understand we still don't get it, only the Holy Spirit of God can reveal Jesus to us.

Only The Holy Spirit can reveal Jesus to You.

John 15:26

But I will send you the Advocate--the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

A legalistic list of rules and rituals can never replace the Holy Spirit, God knows this, stop trying to act like you have something you don't, which is what tradition and rituals teach you . You need Jesus through the Holy Spirit to touch you to really believe.

Stop trying to impress Him with all your fleshly duties and traditions. Stop running to a church building, thinking that's the way, (it's not). Stop thinking if you read your bible 5,000 times a day that's the way (it is not).

John 5:39. "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!

I was standing by an altar and The Lord said "look," so I looked there were people on the altar kneeling and praying and walking around praying, The Lord said "People know my word but they don't know the God who wrote it," Would this describe you?.

I have found out in being led by the Holy Spirit, He might have you stay on one scripture or set of scriptures for a year or more, one of the scriptures the Holy Spirit made me study for more than a year was on the Love and Grace of God. I can now truly say I don't believe God loves me, I know God loves me. The Holy Spirit longs for you to know this as well, Please let Him teach you.

Chapter 5

Matthew 15:9

“They worship me in vain; their teaching are but rules taught by man”.

What you do, learn without The Holy Spirit.

Rituals and traditions teach you a self-centered religion, where you are only concerned about you and yours. Do you truly believe God put people in your life for you to abuse them with you nasty way of dealing with them, because you don't feel like dying to your own nasty attitude, dying to your nasty gossip, dying to your self-centered life, dying to your self-centered god of self. Will you keep telling God, I not going obey the way you said because my flesh enjoys itself, disobeying you.

The Holy Spirit teaches you to go from believing the word of God, into Knowing the word of God is true. The Holy Spirit teaches you how to response to things that happen in your life righteously. The Holy Spirit teaches you to trust God, The Holy Spirit teaches you the only authority is The word of God. The Holy Spirit teaches you about Jesus.

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal Jesus to you. Until The Holy Spirit does, it is all head knowledge and not heart knowledge.

So stop trying to replace the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, with your rituals. It is the Holy Spirit who changes you from the inside out, He starts with removing your old nasty heart and changes your old tainted human spirit, He gives you a new heart and a new spirit, which responses to the spirit of God, traditions can never do this.

God said for my name sake, I will deal with you.

Ezekiel 20:8. But they rebelled against me and would not listen. They did not get rid of the vile images they were obsessed with, or forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I threatened to pour out my fury on them to satisfy my anger while they were still in Egypt.

Ezekiel 20:9. But I didn't do it, for I acted to protect the honor of my name. I would not allow shame to be brought on my name among the surrounding nations who saw me reveal myself by bringing the Israelites out of Egypt.

Is God being revealed in your life, can those around you see what God has brought you out of?.

Where's your fruit that was developed by the Holy Spirit, or have you tried to produce your own.

Matthew 3:10.

Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:8. Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

Where's your fruit?, Galatians 5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Is your salvation all about you? Are you just trying to just make it in, (a church cliché, by the way)?, does Christ truly dwell in you? Do you feel compassion being developed for others in you?. Do you feel anything for those who are still lost and on their way to eternal damnation.

When you hear about another brother or sister in Christ who is struggling in an area, do you wail and pray for them or does your self righteousness say I so glad that's not me, or see look at them?.

Do you then get on the phone and drag you other brothers and sister in Christ into your gossip sessions, are you so busy giving your opinion it never crosses you mind to pray for them, or gently and humbly help them, **are you obeying that spirit of gossip or do you obey the gospel of Jesus Christ?.**

Galatians 6:1. Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

Are you obeying the Jesus you always talk about, sing about, and say you love, Are you being drawn to obey the teaching of Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, Have you allowed God to show you the inner secrets of your heart?.

Is the character and nature of Christ being developed in you? Because, if we call ourselves Christians we are saying Christ dwells in us, if you ask those who deal with you daily if they can see Christ and His teaching lived out in you what would they say?

Are you able to identify the selfishness and pride in your heart?. Have you asked God to show you, you and then truly repent when He exposes you to yourself?.

Do you attend church, put on your church mask, use your church voice and church smile when you greet your fellow church members, knowing you don't treat the people in your own home or family the way Jesus said? Or the way you treat your church members. . Are you doing the will of God?,

Matthew 7:21. "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

We are living in dangerous times and we don't have time to keep living our lives without asking God just where we are in our walk with him, we can't continue having church as usual, **we are in trouble**, we have to stop being our own god just obeying what we want and thinking we are not suppose to suffer or die to ourselves and what we want, are we lovers of ourselves more than lovers of God?.

It is, time for those of us who call ourselves men and women of God, to live like men and women of God. We can't continue to sit in church pews each Sunday and think our lives are just for us to make a living, so we can be comfortable while we are here on planet earth.

if our only concerned is for our families and to hell with everybody else, we as men and women of God have turned the good news, The gospel of Jesus Christ and The Grace of God into our own self-serving religion, we are called to show the love of Jesus Christ to people of this world and destroy the works of the enemy.

Are you destroying the works of the enemy yet, or, are you helping the enemy destroy your brothers and sisters in Christ with your mouth?, with your actions?, with your superior self-righteous attitude?, and what about showing the love of Christ, reaching out to those that don't know Christ, if you are not willing to obey Jesus and labor in the harvest field, are you at least praying that God sends laborers?, Are you just content to live your life for you and wait for Jesus to come back, then you stand before Him empty-handed?. Having buried the talents he has given you to make a difference in other people's life?.

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

- 14. "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.**
- 15. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.**
- 16. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.**
- 17. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.**
- 18. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**
- 19. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.**
- 20. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'**
- 21. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'**
- 22. "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'**

- 23. “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’**
- 24. “Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.**
- 25. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’**
- 26. “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?**
- 27. Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.**
- 28. ““Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.**
- 29. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.**
- 30. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’**

Which Servant are you?.

Are you using what God has given you to help others, do you know what God has gifted you with that can reach others, don't you know that whatever struggles you have had in your life is also your ministry, so you can help others who are having a struggle in the same area you have overcome, we are not suppose to be content just sitting in Church once or twice a week, and watch everybody else in bondage and do nothing. So which servant are you?

Chapter 6.

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

Do you bear a name you have no right to bear?.

Now for those of us we have called ourselves Christians for years, lets obey Jesus and examine ourselves.

Examine yourself.

2 Corinthians 13:5. Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

When we are told to examine ourselves to see if our faith is genuine, than we know that there must be a counterfeit faith or counterfeit Christianity, so lets examine ourselves.

Our standard of judgment or examining of ourselves is not the test of sin by the rules of the world, but by the unchanging word of God, don't be deceived just because your belong to a church building does not mean you obey Jesus, have you called yourself a Christian as long as you can remember?

Attended all the religious activities and services you were suppose to?, but you know you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus?. Oh you have a relationship with the church you attend, with the usher board members? With the choir members? And your fellow church members, you know scriptures, but do you know the God who wrote it. with the intentions of you obeying?.

2 Timothy 2:1. But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

There is a distinction between the born again believer with the spirit of God dwelling in them and the spiritually dead with spirit of self and the spirit of this world, 1 Corinthians 2:12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Is there a difference between you and the people of the world? Do you bear a name you have no right to bear?.

The examination starts.

People will be lovers of themselves,

Loving oneself can be called self-centered, The spirit of world teaches you self-love, the world says you have to have self-esteem, the world says, have self-confidence, the world says you need self-worth, the world says you deserve self-satisfaction, with all this me, myself and I, where does Father, son and Holy Spirit fit in?

The word of God says, **Philippians 3:3. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (I have no confidence in the flesh).**

Psalms 56:4 In God will I praise his word, in God I put my confidence: I will not fear; what can flesh do unto me? (I put my confidence in God).

Psalms 119:128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. (I esteem all thy precepts).

Philippians 2:3 let nothing be in the spirit of strife or vain glory, but, in lowliness of mind, each esteeming the other as more excellent than themselves; (Each esteeming the other as more)

Isaiah 66:2. Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Who I esteem).

Where is this self-centered, self-love, self-esteem, self-confidence, self-worth, self-satisfaction, the world teaches in the Word of God? Who are you obeying, The spirit of the world or the Spirit of God that dwells in you?.

Lovers of money.

The world's method to success is dictated by the opportunities they tell you are available to you, they give you a list of colleges have you choose a course, usually you chose based upon what career will generate the most income for you so you can live comfortably in this world. The world will never tell you, **1 Corinthians 10:26. "For the earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it." God owns it all.**

While you are choosing a career path the world tells you is the way to success, it will never tell you **Jeremiah 1:5. "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."** God has a career path chosen for you before you were even born, and in God timing He will show you what and who you are.

The world places before your eyes all the latest this and the latest that, then it tells you this will be a sign that you have achieved success and are prosperous, so the spirit of the world teaches you to depend upon your employment, your abilities, your time and investments to provide what it calls prosperity and success, The spirit of the world will tell you to accumulate wealth, then invest into what will generate more wealth. Now that you have arrived store up treasures for yourself.

The world will not tell you God said **Matthew 6:19 Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.**

The spirit of the world says, keep your wealth for yourself, it will never tell you God said, give to get, **Luke 6:38. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full--pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."**

When someone comes to you with a need is your first response (in your mind), I don't have it, I have to pay all my bills first, then whatever I might have over, or how am I going to make it, I don't have anybody to help me, this is the spirit of the world thinking and is contrary to the word of God.

God said **1 John 3:17**. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion--how can God's love be in that person?. (Give).

Joshua 1:8. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (prosperity and successful).

Job 22:21. "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. (Prosperity).

Job 42:10. After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. (Prosperity).

Psalms 25:12-13. Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD ? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. (Way chosen for you).

13. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. (Prosperity, and for your descendants).

Note: I know God uses our labor for us to help others, so I am not saying don't work, God was the first one to work in Genesis (He worked six days creating and rested on the seventh), the point I'm making is with money being one of the gods of this world, is it one of your gods? If God told you to walk away from your employment to do ministry for Him and trust Him to provide for you, could you?, now your lifestyle might change, you will have to become a living epistle, so like Paul said.

Philippians 4:1 know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

Can you give up all you have to follow Jesus. Is your job your provision or God?. Are you dependent upon this worldly government to give you a few dollars a month, when your Father owns this world and everything in it.

What have you sold your birthright for?, and was it worth it?. If you do have more money than the average person, how do you feel about those you encounter that don't have what you have, if God told you to give it away to those less fortunate, could you?, or are those less fortunate than you, just beggars and beneath you in your sight?, Just who is your God?. Jesus or your money?.

The examination continues.

Boastful.

The world teaches us to brag and be boastful, it wants you to brag about yourself, and what you have achieved, it teaches you to boast about how great you are, (remember self-esteem), it teaches you to compare yourself against others, so you can know how much better you are than the next man, the world teaches you to put yourself in classes, upper class, middle class and the dreaded lower class.

The word of God says, **1Corinthians1:3 "Whoever brags must brag about what the Lord has done."**

2 Corinthians 10:12. Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

How in the world can you compare yourself with anybody, there is only one of you, so who would you compare yourself to.

Romans 12:3. Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

Psalms 5:5. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.

1 John 2:16. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

Pride.

Proud, feeling spiritually superior to others, measuring others by your standards, thinking you are exempt from and above obeying Jesus Christ, trying to be the Holy Ghost police in peoples life, this is seen in your own household the most, especially with your spouse.

When you consider that Lucifer was cast out of heaven because he wanted a life other than what he had been given by God, when we are so busy trying to change everything and everybody around us to make us comfortable, we are saying I don't want the life you have given me God, sounds like Lucifer who pride was found in.

Proverbs 21:24. Mockers are proud and haughty; they act with boundless arrogance.

Isaiah 2:12. For the LORD of Heaven's Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted

Job 40:12. Humiliate the proud with a glance; walk on the wicked where they stand.

Psalms 94:2. Arise, O judge of the earth. Give the proud what they deserve.

Psalms 123:4. We have had more than our fill of the scoffing of the proud and the contempt of the arrogant.

This is also a person who is always gossiping about others, to think people should be the way, you think they should be is arrogant and proud.

Proverbs 21:4. Haughty eyes, a proud heart, and evil actions are all sin.

Luke 18:11-12. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

12.I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

I can hear the Pharisee say, see I'm not like those people, I go to church, I tithe, I fast sometimes, I don't smoke or chew and I don't hang with those who do, I'm so righteous.

Spiritual pride is one of the most devastating kinds of pride, when you hear a teaching of Jesus or study the word of God and think this is for someone else, and don't even consider God is speaking to you, you are in spiritual pride, remember we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, your salvation work that out, God knows how to reach his other children.

Philippians 2:12. Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

Let's continue the examination.

Abusive.

Are you abusive in your behavior to others? In your speech? Can you communicate with your spouse without verbally abusing them, are you abusive to people you don't know?. Do you use and abuse the very word of God to beat others?.

If your little kingdom is disrupted for any reason are you abusive to the disruption, I'm thinking about children, are they safe with you, safe from your foul abusive tone to them?. Is your method of communicating with innocent small children abusive when they get on your nerves?.

Mark 10:14. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

Think about it, if Jesus was angry then about the treatment of children, He is not angry now?.

Proverbs 17:6. Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children.

What do you think about your grandchildren?, when they are with you, do you teach, tell them what God has said? Do you show them How to obey God by obeying Him yourself?, Or do you say I love my grandchildren, but what I really love is I can send them home to their mama, cause I'm through raising children?.

1 Peter 4:4. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.

Ask yourself this, do I gossip with my other brothers and sisters in Christ and pull them into my sin, and those in my own family, (the ones I say I love) are the most exposed to this sin by me and if they don't join my gossip session, I will just call someone else, and gossip about them while I'm at it?. Are you obeying gossip or the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the God you am always talking about,

1 Peter 3:9. Not requiting evil with evil nor abuse with abuse, but, on the contrary, giving a blessing in return, because a blessing is what you have been called by God to inherit.

1 Corinthians 4:12. We work wearily with our own hands to earn our living. We bless those who curse us. We are patient with those who abuse us.

Colossians 3:8. But now you must rid yourselves of every kind of sin--angry and passionate outbreaks, ill-will, evil speaking, foul- mouthed abuse--so that these may never soil your lips.

Disobedient to parents,

Not only does this apply to children, but adults as well, do you treat your parents according to how God said?, And if your parents have passed and waiting for you with the Lord, Honor their memory with what they taught you about obeying God, then find parents than are not being honored and honor them.

Exodus 20:12. “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:1. Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do

1 John 3:10. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

Ungrateful.

Ungrateful, Are you grateful for all God has done for you?, Do you complain about everything God allows in your life? Even the weather,? be it good or bad, when you don't get your way are you still able to say thank you Jesus?, Are you able to accept anything people give you without thinking they owe you the privilege and honor of making you life easier?, Are you grateful enough to Jesus for salvation to obey Him?. Have you ever asked God for a job and He gave one to you, then you were not there two months before you start complaining about it?

Proverbs 29:21. Pamper a slave from childhood, and later he will be ungrateful.

Have you allowed your self-righteous religion that pampers to your disobedience to God make you ungrateful?,

Luke 6:35. "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are un-thankful and wicked.

Unholy

Hebrews 10:29 (The Message Bible translation).

What do you think will happen if you turn on God's Son, spit on the sacrifice that made you whole, and insult this most gracious Spirit? This is no light matter. God has warned us that he'll hold us to account and make us pay. He was quite explicit: "Vengeance is mine, and I won't overlook a thing" and "God will judge his people." Nobody's getting by with anything, believe me.

When you are not obedient to Jesus and how He told you to live, treat others, love others, love Him, you take His grace for granted and your behavior is unholy.

Titus 1:16. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

Are you obeying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by how you live daily, not just attending church and thinking that is the totality being your being obedient, or do you just claim to know Him?

Are you doing anything good for anyone other than yourself?.

Without Love,

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres,

Do you love like this?, if not you are without the love of God and how He said we are to love. We all can grow in this area,

Unforgiving.

People have different ideals of what un-forgiveness is, I have heard people say, I will forgive you, but I will not forget, (this is not forgiveness), I will share with you what The Holy Spirit said to me about forgiveness, I was told, **“when you forgive someone its like it never happened”**, yes, you remember what happen, you ask God to help you truly forgive then release it to God, God heals the hurt and pain the offense caused.

You have been forgiven by God himself, how in the world can you not forgive? You can't tell people you forgive them then throw in their face what they did, nor keep record of the wrong that was done.

Christians forgive and move on without requiring payment for the wrong. Imagine if God keep bringing up everything you have ever done every time He talked to you.

Colossians 3:13 Make allowance for each others faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Ephesians 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 18:33 Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

Matthew 18:34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

Matthew 18:35 "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart."

Do you forgive from your heart, “not just saying I forgive to get into heaven”? This is a quote God said to me about my lack of forgiveness.

Let's continue our examination.

Slanderous.

Always talking about someone slandering their name, making false statements about someone,

Matthew 5:21 (The Message Bible version) You're familiar with the command to the ancients, 'Do not murder.' I'm telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder..

Slander can murder the reputation of a person, murder relationship among people, murder other peoples opinions of someone, gossip is ungodly

Romans 3:8. Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say —“Let us do evil that good may result”?, Their condemnation is just!

How is the world can you disobey Jesus, and run your butt to church and think good will result?.

Romans 6:1. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?.

Whenever we dismiss the word of God by not obeying Him, we are slandering His name and His very grace.

Without self-control

Proverbs 16:32. Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 25:28. Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

In historical time cities were protected by walls build around its perimeter to protect it from aggressors, so a person without self-control is at whim of anything that wants to come through. Anger, gossip, lust, pride, jealousy, envy, strife etc...

Are you still telling people, “the reason I didn't go off on you is because I am a Christian”, this is a lack of self-control, The Holy Spirit will teach you to control your mouth, being a child of God is a lifestyle that is lived, let people see the self control in you actions, not from your mouth, leave them wondering why nothing bothers you, when they finally come to you (and they will), wanting to know how you stay so calm all the time, that when you let them know you life is hid in Christ. Can you imagine Jesus telling people the reason I didn't go off on you is because I'm Christ.

Acts 24:25. As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.”

Galatians 5:23. Gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

When you obey Jesus you are told to exercise self-control, this is the fruit of the spirit of God dwelling in you, and if Christ dwells in you, you can exercise self-control, it just feels good to the flesh to do whatever it wants.

Can you be in a room where everyone is gossiping and have self-control and not join in?, can you hold your peace when someone has done something to you?, is your behavior righteous when you don't get your way?, can you listen to someone without giving your opinion?, do you fly off the handle at the slightest thing?, do you have self-control?.

Brutal.

Extremely ruthless or cruel, mean, bad attitude about everything. Crude or unfeeling in manner or speech, Harsh, unrelenting, always exerting your rights loudly, unmerciful. Is this you?.

Ezekiel 34:4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.

Before you look for a loop hole to this scripture and say He was talking to shepherds, these instructions are for all the children of God with the spirit of God dwelling in them.

It is brutal to say you have answers to peoples problem, which is what you say when you say you are a Christian and not help.

It is brutal to do things for others then forever throw in their face what you have done, even years later you have to remind them that you did this and you did that, this is very brutal.

I say to all the Christians who have to always make known what they have done for someone else. please stop giving to people if they have to hear about it for the rest of their lives. God will not be mad at you, He knows its not from your heart anyway.

Not lovers of good.

What is good?, The gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news Jesus, obedience to what Jesus said, are you a lover of what is good?. We don't look to the world to see what is good, we search the word of God. We can't go by what the world says is good, because it changes to accommodate sinful behavior, we look to the word of God.

Matthew 19:17 "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question--if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." (what's good God is good, obey)

Micah 6:8 No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Do you obey?, Love mercy and walk humbly with God?.

Matthew 12:35. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.

John 1:11. Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God.

1 Timothy 6:18. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others

John 10:11. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

Treacherous

Faithlessness or readiness to betray trust; traitorous. Deceptive, un-trustworthy, or unreliable. Unstable or insecure,

Do you truly have faith in Jesus and everything He has said?, readiness to betray, will you betray Jesus and what He told you to do in the right crowd, and for what price?, if everybody else is doing what is contrary to the word of God are you able to still do what He said?

Are you a traitor, deceptive, do you just look like a Christian, know all the church jargon, but the only time, anyone sees the Christian in you is in a church?, if so you are deceptive. Un-trustworthy can God trust you to obey Him (not people), if you are not trustworthy to God, you can never be trustworthy to people unless you are trying to impress them, are you unstable and insecure,

James 1:5. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

6. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Proverbs 20:19. A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

How many friends would you still have if people really obeyed this scripture.

John 18:5. 5. “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)

Psalms 12:2. Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.

Psalms 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Rash.

Always acting too hastily or, making decisions without due consideration.

This is the spirit of the world, it teaches you that you deserve everything right now, people make life changing decision without consulting wise counsel based upon wanting it right now.

There are so called pastors preaching in their flesh because they wanted to do it now, rather that wait upon the Lord, not once considering what it would do to others. Are you always going off on people before you think or have both sides of a story, or have the story at all.

Zephaniah 8:3. Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD, “for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them— all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.

Micah 5:7. The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord,like showers on the grass,which do not wait for anyone or depend on man.

Proverbs 13:3. Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

1 Corinthians 4:5. So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time-- before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

That very person you have so much to say about, might be the very person who God uses to help you later.

Conceited.

Conceited describes someone who is vain or has an enlarged ego or opinion of himself

Anytime you don't feel you have to obey God, you feel your way is better, you have just become your own conceited god of self.

Romans 12:6. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

1 Timothy 6:4. they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions.

Addicted to drama, this person has to always have some type of drama going on in their lives.

Galatians 5:26. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Lovers of Pleasure rather than lovers of God.

We are a church full of lovers of pleasure rather than loving and obeying God, let's examine why this statement can be made.

Deuteronomy 11:11. So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today —to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

John 14:15. If you love me, keep my commands.

Are you obeying Jesus and His commands, He never once told us to go sit in a church a few hours on Saturday or Sunday, watch a concert, have the worship team pump you up, telling you to worship God, worship is a daily lifestyle, worship is also an exchange, you telling God what He is worth to you, and He tells you what you are worth to Him.

Are you hearing Him in worship?, dressing up the outside with your church cloths does not impress Him, God looks at the inside of man, He sees your heart, singing songs about how much you love God is not impressive to Him.

He said if you love me obey me, He never said, sing to me about how much you love me.

Do you use the church to get high, feel good because you have done your bi-weekly and weekly Christian duty, but ride right past someone in need and lost, on your way home from church?

Once you get home, your god of me, myself and I comes back. Maybe you call your other church members to talk about who wasn't there, or who was trying to get all the attention, or who couldn't sing, or who did something you didn't like. Or whose dress was too short, whose clothes looked crazy to you, who didn't speak to you, who was being funny, who was looking at your spouse etc..... STOP

**Don't you know God sees you?
God will not be mocked.**

Galatians 6:7. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Don't get tricked, if you are in church Sunday after Sunday, Year after Year, singing, shouting, clapping, dancing but still not obeying what Jesus said, God sees and knows, and you will be exposed.

How can you have a sister or brother by birth of the same mother, who taught you the word of God and never talk to each other, but you will go to your church family and embrace them. Let's see what God says about that.

Matthew 5:23. "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you.

24. Leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering,

These are the very words of Jesus and they are to be obeyed, I can hear Him say, " **First the altar is a place of death where you die to your idol of self, the altar is where you die to your will and submit to mine, you die to what you want to do and do what I want you to do, I know what's best for you, I created you ."**

when I say idol of self, I'm saying you tell yourself you don't have to obey me and keep going, running up here with your gift, but you're not yet willing to die and obey what I said about your brother or sister having something against you, get away

from here, go make your relationship right with your brother, sister like I said, then come back, and talk to me."

Now I the writer of this letter, am saying this part, your god of self will say. Why I do I have be the one who goes first?, They might not talk to me, I don't want to deal with them, it's going make me look like a punk chick, these are all the things my god of self told God when He dealt with me about obeying this scripture, He said to me "non of that matters, obey Me, go make it right with them, then you can come back to the altar and holler at Me."

Do you truly Love God?, if so He said, obey Him, that is the way you show Him you love Him, or does your idol of self not feel like all the discomfort that might be caused to your own little kingdom, do you just want the pleasures of life and not the suffering that comes along with death to self?.

Luke 6:26 "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.

Does everybody speak well of you, woe unto you, Jesus requires all of us, our whole being, He requires death to self, do you not challenge what people say to you spiritually without asking the Holy spirit if its right?, Are you aware you are dealing with your eternal salvation? Just read the red letters in the word of God and see for yourself what Jesus said, then determine if you are obeying, is the person you are listening to about spiritually matters concerning you salvation obeying the red words, (Jesus), themselves? Or just standing in front of you in the flesh, telling you how well you are.

We have to take a responsibility for our own walk with God, we must seek a relationship with Jesus and not just with our pastor and church leadership, each one of us will stand before God and settle our own accounts.

Find out for yourself what God is saying.

Acts17:11. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

We can't pick and choose what to obey and follow Jesus selectively. Jesus did not appoint us to proofread what He wrote, then select what we want to keep and take out and disregard what we don't want to do,

John 8:42. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

Genesis 26:5. because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions. "

Exodus 5:2. Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”

When we disobey Jesus, we are saying, who is the Lord that I should obey Him and die to myself and what I want, I do not know the Lord. Is this you?.

Having a form of godliness but denying it's power.

There is a godliness that is not from the Holy Spirit, it looks godly and puts on a good face, it looks good outside but Christ is not formed on the inside, what you will find is a god of self, which is not willing to die to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit. This form of godliness is, man made, it comes from tradition and rituals.

This form of godliness is not willing to relinquish its position of authority it holds and submit to the Holy Spirit, it is alien to the character and nature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will read the word of God, can quote the word of God, preach the word of God to others but will not live the word of God.

Denying the power of God.

People will say there is a God and that they belong to Him, but don't understand the supernatural power of God, they live like God does nothing supernatural in His people, or on the earth, they think God can do nothing outside the works of man, these people will tell you, you better go to church and if you don't go to their church they will say just go somewhere, never once, considering all churches don't teach the word of God.

To them God is far-off in Heaven, just watching everything bad they do, so they spend their lives in humanistic works trying to get God approval and just make it in, (meaning heaven), when you ask some Christians, how they are doing?, their reply will be “I'm just trying to make it in” I always want to ask, make it in where?, we can't work ourselves to Heaven, Jesus already took care of that, He does not need your help.

Matthew 22:29. Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

The power to transform us comes from the finished work of Jesus Christ, no amount of human works will do, it is done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:2. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Galatians 3:3. Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

2 Timothy 2:15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Now that we have done an examination of ourselves, on just a small portion of the word of God we see that we are not obeying everything Jesus has told us, But Praise be to God for His Love for us.

God is not a hard taskmaster, nor abusive Father, He chasten us because He loves us and knows what's best for us. He shows us where, and when we are going the wrong way, so He can teach us His way and put us back on the path to the narrow gate. This is the love and grace of God, He will not let us be lost or uninformed.

Hebrews 12:6. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

Chapter 7.

Acts 2:38

Peter replied “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Repent, Repent, Repent.

Have we heard Jesus is coming back so long, that we have forgotten that He is really is coming back, as you look around can't you tell, Jesus said that in the last days The kingdom of God, would be preached, well it's being preached, is that enough for you to believe He is on His way?.

In **Matthew 11:11**, **Jesus Himself**, told us about the greatest man ever to live who was born of a woman, His name was John the Baptist, and John's message to the world was Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is near.

If Jesus told us that John the Baptist was the greatest man to live born of woman, then we must study the message John was delivering, John was the forerunner telling people to prepare for the way of the Lord, to make straight paths for Him, so John was letting the people know He's coming, get ready, repent.

Matthew 3:2. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

I have heard it said the Bible is a love letter to us from God and I must say I agree, for John the Baptist to be send ahead of Jesus to tell people to repent for the Lord was on His way, was God in His love saying, get it together Jesus is almost there.

This is the message He is giving us now Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand. Let us pray and repent

Father in heaven, I thank you Lord for loving me, I praise you Father for your grace and your mercy, I praise you for your correction, I know Lord you always correct out of Love, most of all Father I thank you for sending, your only son Jesus to die for my sins, I praise you Lord that Jesus took my place on the cross to restore my relationship back to You.

Lord I thank you for allowing me to reach my garden of gethsemane, where I am saying, nevertheless, Father not my will but your will be done.

You told me to examine myself, I have Lord and I find myself lacking in obedience to you, I repent Father for my disobedience in not obeying what you told me, I repent Father for bringing a reproach to your name, I repent Father for thinking I knew how to be your child without you teaching you, I repent for replacing the Spirit with flesh.

I repent for replacing the blood of Christ with the works of man, I repent for replacing the work of the Holy Spirit with fleshly works and entertainment.

And Father I repent for trying to replace my new spiritual birth with my grown old nature, rather than trust you to transform into what you want me to be, Father teach me how to submit to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit, teach me how to be led by the Holy Spirit, teach me how to love you Lord and how to love others the way you told me to.

Teach me to see others the way you see them, teach me how to become a living sacrifice, Holy and acceptable in your sight, give me a heart for the lost, I submit my will to you, I submit my mind, my body, my soul to you, have your way in my life Lord, teach me how to be still while you work on me.

Be it unto me Father according to you will, I thank you Lord you have given me the opportunity to repent and into your hands Father I release my spirit, now Lord have your way in me. Thank you Father God for forgiving me.

Hebrews 6:1

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Lets go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting for evil deeds and placing our faith in God

Let's go on to maturity in Christ, so we can become the men and woman (no longer children), of God, let's learn to become the master builders of the body of believers we are called to be and become the bride of Christ.

GOD LOVES YOU, JESUS LOVES YOU, THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES YOU.

John 3:16. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 is a scripture God has made sure people are aware of, you can ask people on the streets if they know John 3:16 and most people can quote it, saved and unsaved, but do we really believe it?, we know the part of the scripture of God's only son dying for the world (of which we are included), and the whosoever part (again of which we are included), but do you really know God loves you, just little old you in this world with billions of other people.

Luke 12:7 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Romans 5:8. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners

Being a woman who is very inquisitive and needing answers about myself that only my creator could give me, I once asked God about how we know God loves us individually.

“He said “look at your fingerprints, your voice, your life, there is not another human being who has your fingerprints, your voice (you might sound like someone else, but I know the difference), your life, nobody in the whole of all the world has lived your life, and when I said the very hairs on your head are numbered they are, now I'm not talking about that weave you sometimes wear, that's not yours”.

I knew, I would never question again if God truly loved me, and the same applies to you (maybe minus the weave), look at your fingerprints, your voice, your life, all this was given to you by a loving God because He loves you, little old you in the mist of billions of other people.

God has always loved us and always will, His love is not based of our performance nor how good a Christian we are, God is Love.

Chapter 8.

1 Corinthians 3:11

**For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have-
Jesus Christ.**

What is your foundation built on?.

Our foundation has to be built on Christ who is, love.

I grew up the grand daughter of a wonderful pastor, so I heard many sermons about being good so you don't go to hell from a very young age, I have yet to meet a person who has not heard the same message, "if you are bad you will go to hell and the only way out of hell is Jesus," although well intended this lays a foundation of fear, and causes us to look at God, as a God in heaven watching for all the bad things we do to determine if we are going to hell or not, so we spend our lives trying to be good so we don't go to hell, this creates what God told me is **"battered Christian syndrome."**

We are all familiar with the term battered woman syndrome, this is a title given to a woman who has been physically and/or verbally abused by her spouse and whatever her reasons might be for not leaving the abusive relationship, she stays, not out of love but out of fear.

In **battered Christian syndrome**, the motivation for loving and serving Jesus like we have been told we are to do, is not love at all but fear, fear of going to hell, so Just like the battered woman tries to be good to appease her spouse so he does not continue the abuse, those that have this fear as Christians, will do works in the flesh, to appease God so they can gain His approval and love, so the statement Christians make about "I'm just trying to make it in" is a statement of trying to appease God to get into heaven.

The Holy Spirit was teaching me about how much God loves me like I am, and He took me to this scripture.

Psalms 139:3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

The Holy Spirit said, “I know all your ways, I know your beginning from your end, I know what you are going to do and say in the next few hours, I know what you are going to do and say next year, so stop trying to appease me, I’m not like those other gods, I already know the mess you are going to get into, that I will have to get you out of. I know you better than you know yourself, I knew you before I formed you”, Jeremiah 1:5.

“I told you I would give my angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways, (Psalms 91:11) I did not say my ways, I said your ways, I knew you could not keep my ways until I taught them to you, you cannot pay me back for your sins on the cross, you have no ideal how much your sins cost me”.

“Stop trying to impress me with all your fleshly works so I can teach you the difference between your works and true obedience, just rest.”

I hear the Holy Spirit saying this to you, if your foundation for knowing God was, fear, that is the wrong foundation, our foundation is Jesus, we are being built upon love, He is, love. God loves you, Jesus loves you, and the Holy Spirit loves you with no conditions.

If you serve Jesus only to keep from going to hell, what would it be like to be with Him in heaven, would you jump and cringe every time He walked past you, Jesus never wants any of us to feel this way about Him. We must come to know how much God loves us, who we are in Christ and what He has available to us.

Ephesians 3:18. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

THERE IS HOPE, THANK YOU JESUS

Our foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have--Jesus Christ.

Go to any construction site where a building is being erected, ask the builders about the most vital, indispensably and important part of any construction process, they will tell you it is the foundation. The foundation has deep implications to the overall structure of a building, it is the base that supports the weight of the entire building. Depending on the size of a building is what determines and necessitates a deep foundation.

Our foundation as born again believers is Jesus Christ, we are His temple, if Christ is our foundation, then our foundation is, Love, everything Christ has done for us has been done because He loves us unconditionally, we have no need to live in fear of Him, He is not an abusive Husband or Father, He is not sitting in heaven waiting for the opportunity to send us to hell.

The fear God tells us to have of Him is, respect. God loves us when we obey Him, and when we don't, He still loves us, Once the Holy Spirit said to me "God will move heaven and hell to get to those He loves" Psalms 139:8. If I go up to heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in hell, you are there.

When you study the word of God, ask the Holy Spirit to explain it, He will always apply it to you life today, The word of God is alive it is not only our spiritual history, it's our present and our future all in one, the Holy Spirit will tell you spiritual things about Jesus and what He has done for us.

We can't read the word of God and think it only applies to what man calls biblical times, it will forever be biblical times , the word of God will never pass away,. Luke 21:23. Heaven and Earth will disappear but my word will never disappear.

The word of God is not only our spiritual history for when Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were alive and and what they had to do.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Peter, Paul and all our brothers and sisters in Christ, the Bible talks about have passed from this earth and are awaiting the time when the bride of Christ sits at the marriage supper table with Jesus, we have to know how to find ourselves in the word of God today. So today we are living stones being built on our foundation which is Jesus .

1Peter 2:5. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

1 Peter 2:5. Is telling us who we are in Christ as born again believers, living stones, we are being built into a spiritual temple, we have been given a new job description, holy priest, through the mediation of Jesus Christ (mediation is to meet with the spirit of Jesus Christ), we offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

1 Corinthians 3:9. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. You don't build a building you don't intend to dwell in, The Holy Spirit is to dwell in us.

Ephesians 2:22. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. We are being built together.

How dare us not like each other, we are to have unity, oneness and one body, Christ is not separated into pieces or groups.

So we see that we are God's building, and God is building us into a spiritual temple, we are holy priests, offering spiritual sacrifices that please God. The Holy Spirit fills the living spiritual temple.

I will build my church (a spiritual temple and dwelling place for The Holy Spirit), and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Matthew 16:18. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

What is in the spiritual temple?,

1 Corinthians 12:28. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

Do you know who you are, in the living spiritual temple, and if not, why not?, what is your assignment?.

Ephesians 20:2. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

The cornerstone (or foundation stone) concept is derived from the first stone set in the construction of a foundation, important since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure. A cornerstone would also have an inscription written on it of ceremonial significance.

Matthew 3:17. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

There is so much more to God and us than we know, it is time we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us just who we are in Christ and stop living like paupers, this world belongs to our father, don't you think it's time we learned to use our authority, The authority Jesus died to give us, it is our responsibility .

We have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, Jesus is seated on the right hand of our father, forever making intercessions for us, and if our Father answered nobodies else prayers (thank God he does), He always answers Jesus.

Jesus right now is praying for us, we can't lose, Lets rise up, let's grow up from being children of God so we can become the bride of Christ,

I have heard many people in positions of leadership say they work for God, but we are called the bride of Christ, so we are helpmeets, it is not a job at all, what we do is out of love for our husband, we partners, companions, lovers, friends, confidants, in a relationship, we do what we do together out of love for each other, we are helpmeets suitable for Him.

Chapter 9



Luke 10:19.

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Where is the authority I gave you to make a difference in peoples life?.

Before we can learn to use the authority we have been given by Jesus, to advance the Kingdom of God, we have to take authority over the enemy in us, only the Holy Spirit can show us how. It's starts with obedience to the word of God.

There is so much more that God requires of us, we have to learn to seek His face, get on our face before Him, and wait for His to speak to us, it is due time we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us, just who we are in Christ and stop living like paupers, this world belongs to our father, and all the people in it.

it's time we learned to use our authority, The authority Jesus died to give us, it is our responsible. We live in a world full of people that are lost, if we just look at what is happening to our children alone, God's children those not in church. How can we continue to call ourselves men and women of God, if we don't have His heart to the lost.

We can't just pray for the lost and think that is all there is to do, Jesus showed us how to reach them. Did Jesus come to earth, sit in a church wait for people to come in, then keep preaching to the same crowd, year after year. We have to learn what ministry truly is and if we are doing it the way God said.

Our children are being targeted with new synthetic drugs, they can buy on the corner neighborhood gas station, when you study these drugs you find out , one of the marketing strategy is to appeal to our children's spiritual thirst, They tell our children “try this it's not even illegal and drug test can't expose it” you can see your beginning from your end, and meet other spiritual beings for direction about your life.

Since we are not directing our children and I'm talking about the children outside your group of friends as well. The enemy is doing for us with new drugs, these synthetic drugs open our children to the demonic realm, while we sit in church singing about how much we love Jesus.

What will you do when someone runs up to you on these drugs, what about the person under the influence on the drug, God loves them, you have been given authority over the works of the enemy, can you use it, wake up, look around you, these are perilous times, you are not saved just for you. For information on the synthetic drugs (search. Salviadragon.com), find out what our enemy is doing to our children. Then tell Jesus the one you sing and talk about, you are not going to do anything.

Where are the skilled wailing women. Wail for our Children, or will you continue to sit in church waiting to be raptured. All of creation moans and groans are you included in all of creation?.

The lost are in the streets, homeless, battered, confused and blind, women are killing their children as in the days of Molech, while we sit in churches clapping our hands, stomping our feet, dancing and singing our Love songs to Jesus.

The disciples were sent to all the world, If you are not willing to embrace the lost until they are not lost, then start with your own families, lets show them the unconditional love of Christ. Until they say to you, I want to know this Jesus that has changed you so much.

Chapter 10.

Ephesians 2:6

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in heavenly realms, in Christ Jesus.

WHO ARE WE.

We are born again Holy Spirit filled spiritual children of God, being built into a spiritual temple, Jesus Christ is our foundation, we are Holy priests, we are more than conquerors, we are victorious, we are above and not beneath, we are spiritual law enforcers.

We are Kingdom of God citizens, we are in this world but not of this world, we are a spiritually living body of believers which the gates of hell cannot prevail against, we died with Christ, and we arose with Christ.

We are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, we are dead to our old life, our new life is hid with Christ in God, we are free from the spiritual powers of this world. There is not a weapon that is formed against us that will prosper.

We have been given the authority to destroy the works of the enemy, we have been given the authority to set the captives free, we have been given the authority to open blind eyes.

We are the light of the light of the world, we are the salt of the earth, we are representatives of the Kingdom of God, we are Christ ambassadors, our father is the creator of all things, we were created in His image, we are not beggars, we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, we are fools for Christ, we have the mind of Christ.

Our meat is to do the will of our father and finish what He started, we are warrior soldiers for Christ, we are the redeemed of the Lord and we say, He has redeemed us from our enemies, We are children of God growing daily and becoming the bride of Christ. But only through the power of the Holy Spirit are we all this.

Men and women of God we are being warned to get our house in order.

Can't you hear our marching orders.

I love you , all my Kingdom brothers and sisters .

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